

August 18, 2006

Re: DE 05-178, Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.  
Petition for Permanent Rate Increase and for Temporary Rates  
Modification to Procedural Schedule

To the Parties:

On August 16, 2006, Staff filed a request to modify the current procedural schedule. The request states that Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (Unitil), the Office of Consumer Advocate and the Staff of the Commission (Staff and the Parties) are working on a settlement agreement with supporting schedules and would not be able to meet the current filing deadline of August 16, 2006. The Parties agreed that the settlement agreement be filed by August 23, 2006. In addition, the Parties would like to waive the hearings on August 22-24 and 29 and proposed that the settlement be heard on August 30 and 31.

Based upon the foregoing, the Commission has determined that extending the filing date of the settlement agreement to August 23, 2006 is reasonable and will not unduly delay the proceedings. Accordingly, the need for the hearings scheduled for August 22-24 and 29 would be untimely, thus those hearing dates are canceled. The new hearing dates are August 30 and 31, 2006.

Sincerely,

ChristiAne G. Mason  
Assistant Executive Director and Secretary